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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on October 10, 2007, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10, and the species "soluble FGF receptor." The election of Group I is made with traverse. Claims 1-10 read on the elected invention.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Hama for the helpful telephonic interview conducted with Dr. Jan N. Tittel of Clark & Elbing LLP on December 20, 2007. As noted in the interview, Applicants submit that claims 2, 3, 7, and